



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economic Development Administration
Austin Regional Office
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March 15, 2016

Michael Eastland
Executive Director
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P.O. Box 5888
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Dear Mr. Eastland:

EDA Austin Regional Office staff have reviewed and approved the EDA-funded Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) submitted on March 8, 2016.

Now that the NCTCOG is approved by the regional office, Senior Program Officer, Jessica Falk, will assist you in preparing documentation required to request District Designation. Jessica may be reached at 512-381-8168 or jfalk@eda.gov. Note that District Designation package will require review and approval by the Assistant Secretary for the Economic Development Administration.

Please note that each economic development district and Native American tribe funded under EDA's Partnership Planning program is required to prepare a full revision of its CEDS at least once every five years. In the interim a brief CEDS update is required annually in order to keep the document current and relevant. The due dates for future CEDS updates and revisions will be included in the terms and conditions of your applicable EDA Partnership Planning grant awards. EDA staff is ready and willing to provide assistance with these matters.

We commend your organization for its good efforts, and we look forward to working with you as you continue to address the economic development planning and implementation needs of your region.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jorge Ayala", written over a thin blue line.

Jorge Ayala